ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXCN LINE: MILESTONE NO. 36(38)
Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania
Public/private

1766 (reset 1902 & 1979)

Milestone No. 36(38), an original of 1766 marks Mason and Dixon's 36th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line, a parallel of latitude and the longest of their survey lines run and marked to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished colitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top (now misshapen), quarried and carved in England, and originally measuring about 12" square by about 4% long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. The capital letters P and M were cut to face their respective provinces, Pennsylvania on the north and Maryland on the south; with the east and west sides left plain, with fluting and margins only. During the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presumably this milestone was/reset to stand about 1% above ground, and following a break it was repaired and reset in 1979 to stand about 1 above a reworked foundation. It is in deteriorated condition from severe weathering, chipping of all surfaces, and smears of cement at the time of repair. The top is formless and with a pit instead of an apex. Despite this disfigurement, No. 36(38) is significant on the federal and state levels as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along the West Line, a boundary famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 17 original monuments remaining along the present Harford/York county boundary (3 crownstones, 14 milestones), it is also significant as one of the few and diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC (M	ason and Dixon's) We	st Line, 36th Mil	e Stone .			
AND/OR COMMON Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 36(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 38)						
LOCATION STREET & NUMBER	(not for publicati					
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MD: 2 / PA: 19			
CTATE	Fawn Grove <u>X</u> vicinity of ATE Pennsylvania		COUNTY			
STATE			MD: Harford	/ PA: York		
CLASSIFIC	ATION					
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRES	EN T USE		
DISTRICT	_XPUBLIC	_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM		
BUILDING(S)	PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK		
STRUCTURE	вотн	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE		
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS		
X_OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC		
		X_YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUCTOIAL	_TRANSPORTATION		
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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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__EXCELLENT

X_DETERIORATED

X_UNALTERED

X_ORIGINAL SITE

__GOOD

__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

__ALTERED

__MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 36(38) marks Mason and Dixon's 36th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1766, at its original site, unaltered but in deteriorated condition; reset in 1902 and repaired in 1979.

The area here is rural, almost entirely farmlands, sparsely settled. The site is within Harford County's Election District 4, York County's Fawn Grove Township; about 1 mile southwest of the center of the town of Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania; about 1% miles northwest of the scattered crossroads settlement of Harkins, Maryland; on the north side of Mason-Dixon Road about 700' west of its junction with Onion Road/T-584; about 3' above road grade level in a cleared bank, about 2' from the edge of the road and identified by a Matlonal Geodetic Survey "Witness Post" mounted on a metal standard a few feet away. The site is visible from the road, all seasons.

The milestone, originally set in 1766, like all other original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished colitic limestone post with a la pyramidal top, was quarried and carved in England, measured about 12" square by about 4%! long and was cut to stand about 3' above ground. At the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, No. 36(38) was presumably reset to stand about 1/2' above ground. Sometime prior to 1979 it was broken off in a vehicular accident, and the site resurveyed by the National Geodetic Survey, the base (below ground portion of the stone) found, and the top recemented in 1979 so as to cover the break. It now stands about 1' above its additional foundation, very chipped, weatherworn, smeared with cement, and the M/on the south (Maryland) side appear to have been reworked. The north side facing Pennsylvania is intact, but the top and side edges badly chipped; some fluting remains on the west and east sides, but no margins and with much chipping along all edges. No top planes/remain; only a rounded top with a pit instead of an apex in the center and all edges and corners very chipped and weatherworn. Due to weather and other circumstances at the time it was officially repaired, the foundation was left in a rough state. (For details of/repair see files of the Maryland Geological Survey.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 method of resetting them)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
_1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE	
_1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<u>X</u> .1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
<u>X</u> 1800-1899	COMMERCE	XEXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
_1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	X_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X_OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902 & 1979 EXIN DER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 36(38) is significant on the federal and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still standing along their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and the milestone first set the following year, where it remains to the present time, although believed reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and again in 1979, the top having been broken off in a vehicular accident. Locally, No. 36(38) is also significant, as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of Harford/York counties, this milestone being one of 17 original monuments remaining along their present common boundary.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

quadrangle name: Fawn Grove (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series,

scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 37418, northing 439762

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

county Harford

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY (also see form prepared by Jean Ewing c. 1970)

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey	DATE (site surveyed 12/12/79 with Jean Ewing)	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE 301/472-2128	
14308 Mount Avenue CITY OR TOWN Phoenix	STATE Maryland 21131	

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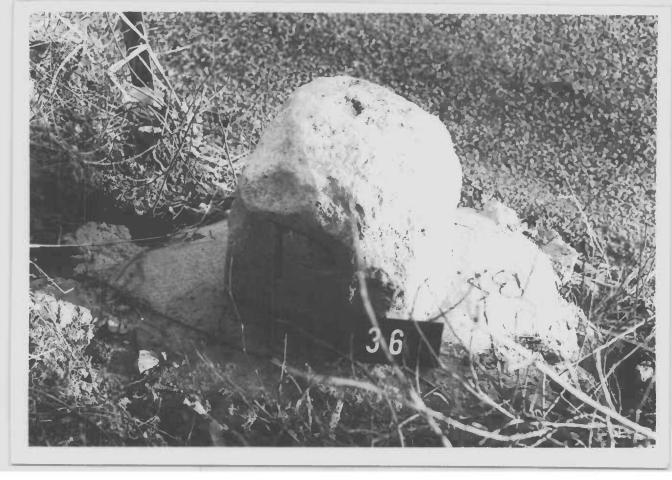
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